GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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DESTROYING OF NARCOTICS
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) lights up Narcotics seized ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not utilizing some of them like Ganja for manufacture of medicinal drugs under the Government supervision?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Seized narcotic drugs, other than opium, morphine, codeine and thebaine, are destroyed.

(b) : Seized opium, morphine, codeine and thebaine are utilized for extraction of alkaloids for medicinal and scientific use. Ganja does not have any utility for manufacturing medicinal drugs.